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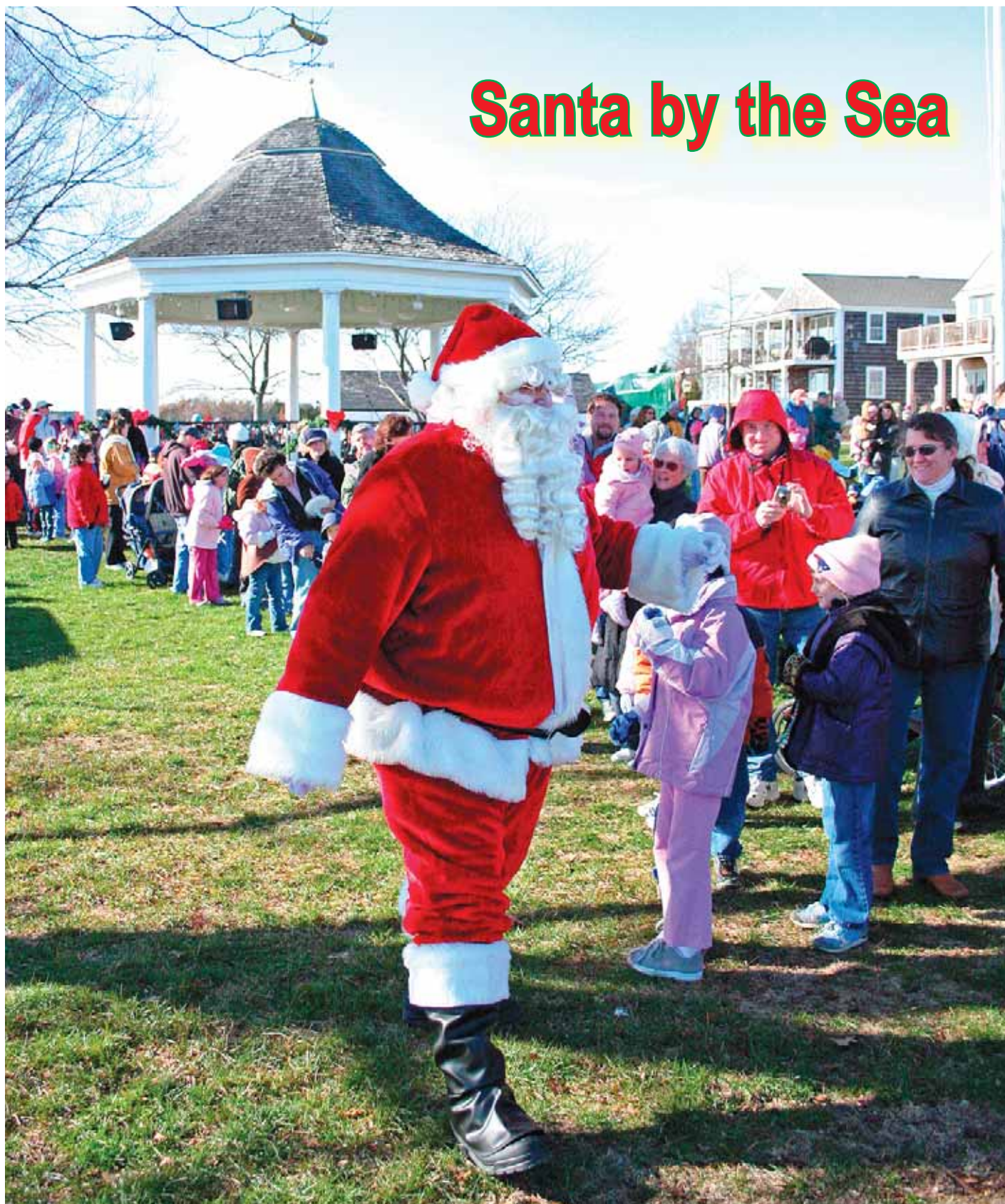
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Seasonal Seaside

Mattapoisett Makes for a Merry Christmas

By Robert Chiarito

There was hardly a dry eye at Mattapoisett's Shipyard Park on Saturday, December 1, as parents and their children waited for a special someone to arrive. It wasn't that the occasion was a sad one, it was the brisk wind blowing off the harbor that made the tears flow as Santa Claus made his first appearance of the season to the annual holiday gathering.

Shipyard Park had become the North Pole for a day. The band from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School performed in the gazebo, playing a range of traditional Christmas songs as the Lions Club warmed people up with free eggnog, hot coffee and plenty of food — all



Above: The Sippican Woman's Club will start a weekend filled with holiday festivities in Marion with their Twenty-First Annual Holiday House Tour, with a theme of "Candyland," on Saturday, December 8. The tour begins at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion, on Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, which has been decorated to accompany the Candyland theme.

On the cover: Here Santa Claus arrives to greet eager children after being transported by fire truck to Mattapoisett's annual "Holiday in the Park" celebration which was held in Shipyard Park on Saturday, December 1, 2007 and drew a record crowd to the seasonal seaside event. (Photo by Robert Chiarito). More photos page 74

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donated by local businesses. The heated tent also had an area where kids could make decorations for the Mattapoisett Christmas tree at the top of the park near Water Street. At another table volunteers were busy giving children a holiday makeover before their date with Santa, by painting candy canes and reindeer on little faces. The Showstoppers performed after the ORR Band, once again living up to their title as they gathered a large crowd in front of the gazebo for their performance, in spite of the fact that small white caps were being whipped up behind them on Mattapoisett Harbor by sub-freezing winds.

Santa made his entrance riding in on a fire engine, sirens wailing and lights flashing. Families began to gather in line to see Saint Nick several hours before his arrival. Mrs. Claus escorted her husband to a special reception area with the help of several of Santa's helpers. For the next few hours a steady stream of children, all reported to be on the nice list, took their turn sitting with Santa, letting him know their Christmas wishes. Santa patiently posed for pictures and promised to be back on December 24 to fill stockings and dreams throughout Mattapoisett.



Left: Cassandra Morgan has recently been introduced as organist and choir director for the First Congregational Church of Marion. She began her duties on September 16, 2007 as she replaced the renowned William Maxell upon his recent retirement. Story page 44.

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As Santa held court under his tent, Sparky the Firedog, the Grinch, Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer all wandered the park posing for pictures with anyone who wished to do so. Local police officials were on hand to make certain that a close eye was kept on the Grinch, making certain that he would not have the chance to steal Christmas or any other items on his visit to Mattapoisett.

Earlier in the day Saint Anthony's Church opened the day's festivities with its annual Harborside Christmas Fair. The church turned their fellowship hall into a Christmas bazaar with booths selling everything from warm hand-knitted scarves to delicious baked goods. The church also had a special ornament for sale as part of their scholarship fund drive. The ornament being sold is a replica of the church's new stained glass window. A room on the first floor was set aside as a place for children to do some Christmas shopping, with most gifts priced in the \$1 or \$2 range. For those who brought an appetite, the "Harborside Café" served a warm and hearty lunch that included hot dogs, linguica, soups and casseroles.

Across the street from Saint Anthony's Church, the gymnasium of Mattapoisett's Center School had been transformed into a village shopping district as several dozen artists and groups participated in a holiday sale. Artists from throughout the Southcoast offered handmade crafts and fine art pieces in a variety of different media including basket weaving, photography, hand crafted

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copper, wood cuts, knitted goods and paintings. The works varied in price enough that there was something in every shoppers range.

At the end of the day Mattapoisett's Board of Selectmen — Chairman Ray Andrews, Stephen Lombard and Jordan Collyer — gathered for the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree in Shipyard Park.

Someone in the crowd shouted to Mr. Andrews, "Ray, do you have anything to say?"

Mr. Andrews responded, "Sure I do," as he turned to Mr. Collyer he said, "Hey, Jordan! Plug in the tree! There you go its officially Christmas in Mattapoisett!"

As the crowd cheered a large man in red was seen flying off in the distance over Mattapoisett Harbor. Reports say he was driving a red sleigh decorated with jingle bells that was pulled by nine reindeer with the lead reindeer flashing a bright red nose.

Taking Bets

Casino Impact Meeting Held in Rochester **By Robert Chiarito**

With all of the posturing and positioning that has surrounded talk concerning a casino being built in the area over the past year, it is easy to forget that no one has actually been awarded a casino to date. Residents of Rochester are particularly interested in what impact a casino in neighboring Middleboro would have on their

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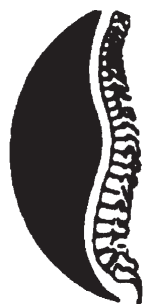
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community.

To answer some of the questions and concerns the people of Rochester have about the issues surrounding a proposed casino in Middleboro, the group Casino Facts Committee held a forum at the Rochester Town Hall on Wednesday, November 28.

Recent polling data has found that a majority of Massachusetts' residents, about 60 percent, would approve of having casino-style gambling in the state. These same polls also reveal that a nearly equal amount of those polled would prefer that any casino not be built in or near the town in which they live. A classic case of "not in my backyard."

According to Casino Facts, a similar response was given during recent votes in Middleboro as the group was able, through a petition drive, to get a non-binding referendum on the ballot this past summer. The town actually voted to turn the casino away when they voted on the non-binding referendum. Meanwhile, they voted at Town Meeting to approve an agreement between the town and the Wamponaug Tribe on the basis that the agreement was only a step in the process and that it would protect the town's financial interests if and when the casino was approved.

The people of Casino Facts argued that there should not be a casino in any of the towns. Among the many reasons given to support their position, Casino Facts' Frank Dunphy repeatedly emphasized that for all

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of the promises of balanced budgets and huge cash windfalls, the two casinos in Connecticut make total annual payments of \$500,000 per year to their host towns. Reality actually shows the casinos causing a financial drain in terms of increased crime, infrastructure costs and income lost by way of establishments that are forced out of business by shops and outlets connected to the casino. Casino Facts cited statistics that show crime in Connecticut, overall, has been down in recent years while crime in the towns surrounding the casinos has risen by 300 percent during that same period.

Other concerns that the group has include the simple fact that a rural town the size of Middleboro is not equipped to handle the influx of visitors and employees required to keep what will be the nation's largest casino running. Where will all of the employees live, especially in an area with few apartment buildings? Do the residents of the area really want to import several thousands employees to a town of less than ten thousand? Amateur astronomers are also worried about light pollution the proposed 40-story hotel would bring. Farmers worry about the diversion of water away from their crops.

In the end, only time will tell what becomes of the casino issue. In the meantime, Casino Facts will try to bring their point-of-view to anyone who will listen. As Mr. Dunphy insisted throughout the meeting in Rochester, "Folks, this is not a done deal."

For more information about the Casino Facts Committee and their opinions on the proposed casino, you can log onto www.casinofacts.org.

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Sights, Sounds and Santa in Marion

By Kenneth J. Souza

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the holiday season with their Holiday in the Park celebration last weekend, Marion is looking to add to the festive season with a slate of seasonal offerings on tap for Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, all of which will culminate with the town's annual Village Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting on Sunday.

The Sippican Woman's Club will start the weekend festivities with their Twenty-First Annual Holiday House Tour, with a theme of "Candyland," on Saturday, December 8.

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Also on Saturday, the Marion Garden Discussion Group will hold their annual Christmas Boutique on December 8 in the library of Saint Gabriel's Church. The doors open at 9:30 am.

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made by the garden club members. The Boutique is also a stop on the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. People traditionally buy their special holiday arrangement, swag or ornament at this sale.

Co-chairs Kyle Riseley and Jane Dolan have been coordinating the numerous workshops members use to create the unique and beautiful items sold at the boutique.

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Proceeds from this annual sale are used for the beautification of Marion Village with the continued planting and maintenance of the town's window boxes.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will add some seasonal sounds to the weekend with its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9 beginning at 1:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Sippican School in Marion. The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will perform seasonal favorites including "Holiday Emblem," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Frosty the Snowman."

A special addition to this year's concert will feature stories by storyteller Karen Ann Chace. She will also narrate a setting for concert band of the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Ms. Chace grew up among a large, extended Irish family in Massachusetts, surrounded by stories and storytellers all of her life. Since 2000 she has presented and shared her enthusiastic, interactive, and participatory programs at libraries, conferences and schools around the country. She is the founder and director of a student storytelling club in her hometown and produces their Storytelling Festival each year. She writes a regular column, "Story Telling," for *Storytelling Magazine*, and is a contributing author to their most recent publications, *A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling* and *Telling Stories to Children*. Combining her passion for literacy and storytelling Karen believes that stories can bridge cultures and boundaries and speak to our hearts.

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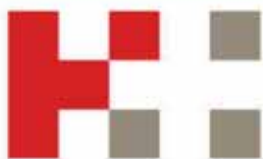
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Also, the youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing with the winner playing the sleigh bells with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in its rendition of Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

The concert will conclude with a "Christmas Sing-a-long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction of Patricia Richard, followed by the Sippican School Band, under the direction of Hannah T. C. Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh."

With Santa Claus' expected arrival via boat at Island Wharf at 3:00 pm, Marion's Annual Village Stroll will commence and run through 6:00 pm at various establishments throughout the town's village area. Last, but not least, the ceremonial lighting of the town Christmas tree will take place at 6:00 pm in Bicentennial Park across from the Marion Town House.

School Report

An English Class Visitor Open Eyes

By Olivia Mello

Old Rochester Regional High School is always searching for new ways of relating the knowledge that they're teaching to real-life occurrences. This method



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serves as an approach to better interest their students and set a more sturdy understanding.

English teacher Mrs. Brunelle has tried to use this same technique with the novel *Lord of the Flies*, in which her Honors 11 class has just recently-finished reading. This book tells a story about a group of boys stranded upon a remote island where they must seek the path to survival relying solely upon one another. The main theme of *Lord of the Flies* is the inevitable act of human savagery that all people are able to achieve, whether they want to or not. Author William Golding found his inspiration in writing such a novel after seeing the unbelievable horrors of World War II.

Last week, Brian Riggs was asked to visit the

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Honors English class to share stories of his own experiences in the war that the United States is partaking in today.

Brian entered the crowded classroom dressed in a very casual ensemble consisting of dark jeans and a navy blue sweater. Immediately, it appeared hard to believe that a man who blended so well into the everyday world as we know it had, in fact, been a part of a war that seems so distant to many ORR students. Brian began to explain the work that he performed in Iraq. Although he did not fight in any actual combat, he participated in a job just as terrifying. Brian served as a captain operations officer, which meant he stood witness to it all, including the blood, the hatred and the amazing dedication to their country held within all of those fighting.

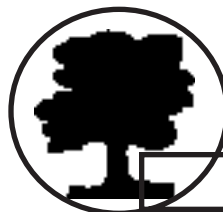
He explained that his role as a nurse, and the role of all the other nurses working by his side, was not limited only to injured U.S. soldiers. No hurt soldier, nor civilian, was to be turned down when it came to seeking medical assistance, no matter what “side” they fought on. When Brian was asked if his perception of human savagery and their capability of destruction had changed after his two years spent in Iraq, his laid back personality kicked right into gear.

“I’ve pretty much already seen the many ills of humanity from all my prior years working in medicine,” Brian said with a laugh. It was nothing new to him. Brian had already realized that immorality, like the kind found in a war, is everywhere and that keeping the people who have been sucked into such hatred alive is sometimes the only thing you can do.

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Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

November 29, 2007

By Kenneth J. Souza

A public hearing before the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was called to order on Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 pm by ZBA Chairman Richard J. Manning Jr. to consider an appeal (#957) filed by the Featherbed Development Corporation for a 144-unit Chapter 40B housing development being proposed on 54.9 acres off Featherbed Lane.

The owners are seeking a Comprehensive Building Permit which had previously been denied by Rochester Building Inspector Richard Leibowitz whereby 25 percent of the units, or 36 homes, will be deemed "affordable housing" units, and the remaining 108 units will be sold at market price. "Purchase of the affordable housing units will be consistent with the (Chapter 40B) Comprehensive Permit statute," Mr. Manning read from a statement issued by Charles P. Tringale, President of the Featherbed Development Corporation. "The applicant further intends to accommodate the needs of the residents and former residents of Rochester ... to the best of its ability."

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The developer has asked for a waiver from the town's zoning by-laws so as to allow construction of the project, citing the fact that the project would greatly benefit the Town of Rochester in terms of meeting its affordable housing requirements under state law.

"The town's failure to meet its minimum housing obligations as defined in MGL, Chapter 40B, Section 20, will provide compelling evidence that the regional need for housing does, in fact, outweigh the objections to the proposal," Mr. Tringale wrote.

Given the latest available census data, Mr. Tringale noted there were only eight units which could be defined as low- to moderate-income housing in Rochester, which is just .5 percent of the town's total 1,634 housing



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units. The town is required to have a minimum of 10 percent of its total housing allotment dedicated as low- and moderate-income housing.

"This is the first time that we've had to address a Chapter 40B project in Rochester," Mr. Manning said. "At this point we're going to have Town Counsel Blair Bailey explain what our duties are under a Comprehensive Permit."

"You can approve (the permit) as presented ... you can deny it, or you can approve it with conditions," Mr. Bailey said. "If you deny the permit, the next step is (the applicant) can appeal it to the Housing Appeals Committee. That committee's decisions usually runs about 85 percent in favor of developers. I can tell you this is a marathon, not a sprint. Typical projects without any issues take up to six months ... on the state level they take anywhere from 12 to 18 months."

"We're not coming in here proposing Section 8 housing ... or low-income housing," said Attorney John Bentley on behalf of the Featherbed Development Corporation. "There is a subsidy involved and that comes from a reduced interest rate. We're talking about housing that someone with 80 percent of the area's median income could afford. We're typically talking about teachers, policemen, Town Hall employees. There's also a local preference and we can (reserve) up to 80 percent ... for Rochester residents."

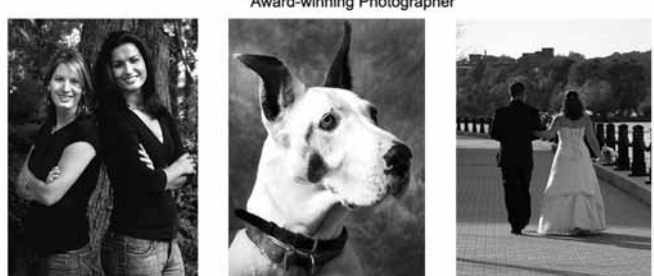
Mr. Bentley noted the proposed 1,680-square-foot units will all boast three bedrooms with two-and-a-half bathrooms contained within duplex buildings. Each of the buildings will be served by individual wells with their own septic systems.

"The applicant only has to comply with state regulations, local (zoning or wetlands protection) regulations are all open to waivers," Mr. Bentley said.

"Part of what we engage in is peer review," Mr. Manning said. "We have the right to retain certain experts who work for us to conduct peer reviews ... for these type of projects. Obviously, we've never dealt with (Chapter 40B) projects before."

Town Counsel Blair Bailey recommended Attorney Jon Witten and Richard Heaton as two candidates

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they might consider to serve as the ZBA's consultant, having had experience with both previously.

Mr. Bentley, however, noting that his client will have to pay for the hiring of this consultant, said he felt he should have some input on their selection. To that end, he had an objection to Mr. Witten since he is currently representing a client in another adversarial case dealing with a Chapter 40B project which he felt would be a conflict of interest.

Town Administrator Richard LaCamera also recommended three possible engineering firms to assist in consulting the ZBA: the Professional Services Corporation; the BSC Group; and the Beta Group. Representatives from each firm were on hand to make a brief presentation

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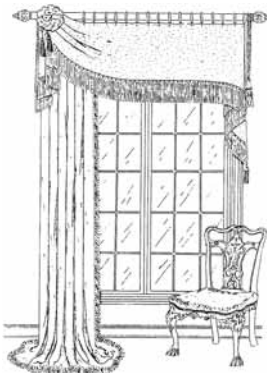
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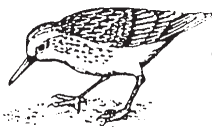
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Tom Huston of the Professional Services Corporation said his firm has had extensive experience in consulting on Chapter 40B projects including The Village at Stonegate in Stoughton, MA, among others. "I know that the town has not gone through the 40B process," Mr. Huston said. "We've had a great many of these projects and I think we've worked amicably with the developers, the towns and the residents."

Bob Mackey of the Beta Group noted his firm has been in business for over 25 years and employs a staff of over 100 people. "We do primarily municipal work and peer reviews is one of our areas of expertise," he said. "We've done many other communities and we'll be here for you."

Dave Arguth of the BSC Engineering Group said he would serve as the project manager for his firm if selected to consult. "I've personally provided peer review for ten projects that I've monitored," he said. "In terms of credentials ... I'm well experienced in terms of the sanitary applications on a site like this. The BSC Group has about 175 employees in five offices. I'm located in the Boston office."

Mr. Manning noted the ZBA is now waiting for input and comments from the town's various department heads on this project, which are due by their next meeting on December 13, and he would like to have their peer review and legal consultants selected and present

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for that next step. They also have another meeting slated for December 19 strictly for the purpose of discussing the Featherbed Lane Development proposal.

Mr. Manning suggested they vote on selecting both a legal counsel and peer review consultant for the Featherbed Lane Development project at their December 13 meeting, and then proceed with reviewing the proposal on December 19 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Council on Aging (COA), which will include presentations from the town's various department heads on any concerns they might have over the development. On January 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the COA, the Featherbed Lane Development Corporation will make a detailed presentation of the proposed Chapter 40B project. Then, on February 27, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the COA, the ZBA will entertain any and all public comments and input on the project as proposed.

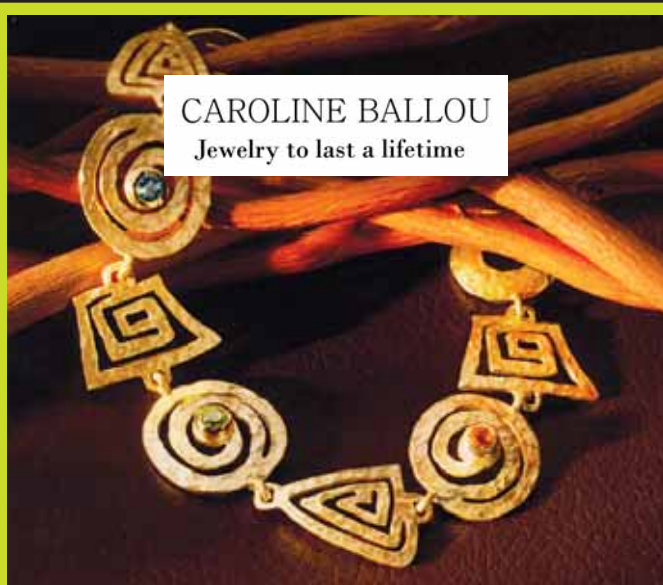
"If you cannot be here that night, you may submit comments in writing addressed to the ZBA ... so that your voice can be heard," Mr. Manning said. "It will not be the last night to voice your opinion, but this will be your first key opportunity."

The ZBA also unanimously voted to designate member Ben Gilmore as their liaison to the various department heads on the project.

"The department heads have had (these plans) since the project was filed," Mr. Manning said. "They are going to come here on December 13 and give us their input."

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There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:18 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

This week marks the beginning of the Winter Sports schedule for the **Old Rochester Regional High School Bulldogs**. The first squads to make their return to action will be the **Boys and Girls Indoor Track Teams**. The two teams open the season on Saturday, December 8 with a tri-meet versus Bourne and Case High Schools. This season comes on heels of a very successful 2006-2007 during both the indoor and outdoor seasons, especially for the **Lady Bulldogs** who raced to an unbeaten regular season during the spring. Saturday's meet begins at 1:00 pm.

The **Boys Hockey Team** is also coming off a season that saw them reach the state playoffs. They will be opening their schedule on Saturday as well as they participate in a season-opening Jamboree at Carver beginning at 5:30 pm. Both the **ORR Boys and Girls Basketball Teams** open their 2007-2008 seasons on Tuesday night, December 11, against Bishop Stang High School. The Boys tip off at home beginning at 7:00 pm. The Ladies will see their first action on the road at the Bishop Stang Gym, also with a start time of 7:00 pm.

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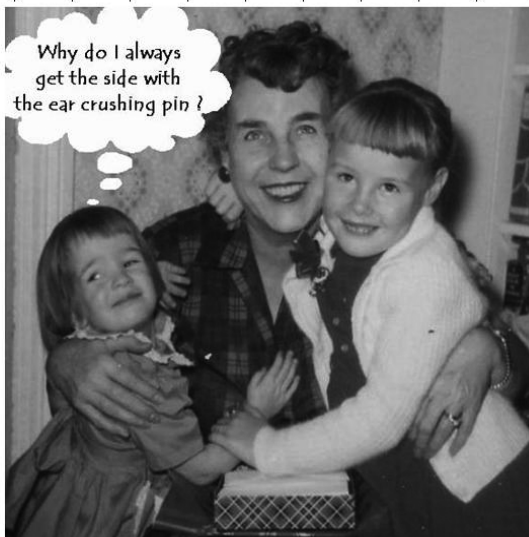
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Basketball Team will begin their season with a road game at Sacred Heart High School on Monday, December 10. The game is set to begin at 5:00 pm. The **Lady Cougars Basketball Team** will play their first game of the year three nights later with a road game versus Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School. Tip off time is set for 5:00 pm.

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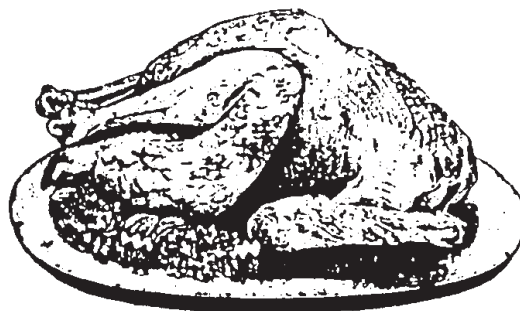
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To the Editor:

All is quiet at Village Court. Our *thanks* to the parents who have laid down the law.

Our *thanks* to the young boy who came forward and offered to repair the damage to the bench that leads to Route 6. His offer has been gratefully received, no questions asked.

This has been a difficult time for all concerned; we can only assume that lessons have been learned.

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Montigny Negotiates for Rail

Governor Deval Patrick filed a bond bill recently that will provide \$4.8 billion for state-wide transportation infrastructure projects including funds for the restoration of commuter rail service to New Bedford and Fall River.

Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford), Chairman of the capital bonding committee, and longtime leader of a SouthCoast commuter rail, negotiated with the administration to include \$18.2 million for the New Bedford and Fall River extension. These funds would be expended for environmental permitting, facility designs, public outreach and economic development and land use planning.

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Senator Montigny also fought to include \$100 million directed towards several rail initiatives throughout the state including the SouthCoast project. These bonded funds can be used for the right-of-way acquisition of the 37 miles of track currently owned by the railroad company CSX Corp. allowing for the expanded rail line to New Bedford. During the previous administration, Montigny furthered the right-of-way negotiations with CSX Corp. only to have the deal stymied by Governor Romney and then Secretary of Transportation Daniel Grabauskas.

"This project has been derailed several times due to a lack of commitment and sheer deceptiveness from previous administrations," Senator Montigny said. "We now have an ally in Governor Patrick who is helping us



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The bill, aimed at alleviating an estimated \$20 billion transportation maintenance shortfall over the next 20 years, includes over \$1.3 billion for interstate and non-interstate highway and roadway projects. The bond bill includes \$2.9 billion in state investment, leveraging nearly \$2 billion in federal aid for the state highway system.

Another \$500 million would fund the states Chapter 90 program, directing money back to communities like New Bedford for local road construction and improvement projects.

"In addition to securing funds for important projects in my district, it is my duty as chairman of the bonding committee to protect taxpayers from another boondoggle like the Big Dig," Senator Montigny said.

Mattapoisett American Legion

The monthly membership meeting of the Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will be held at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street in Mattapoisett, on the third Wednesday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend. Your input and ideas are needed.

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm. The Legion will review the recent Veterans Day observance which was well-attended by the Post and the public. They will also discuss plans for the annual Spaghetti Dinner with their fellow veterans from the Brockton VA. To all members and great residents of Mattapoisett, please accept the post's best wishes to you and your families for a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Holiday Season as 2007 comes to a close.

For more information or hall rental, please call 508-758-9311.

ORR Students of the Month

Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, recently announced the following "Students of the Month" for November 2007:

- GREEN TEAM – **Molly Magee** and **Teddy Kassabian**;
- ORANGE TEAM – **Meghan Dineen** and **Mason Strand**;



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The Elks of Wareham Lodge No. 1548 sponsor the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics; church, school, club and community service; industry and farming. We congratulate the following students selected thus far by the ORR High School faculty and staff: September – **Brady Shwartz**; October – **Franck Tebou**; November – **Elizabeth Beatriz**.

ORR Financial Aid Night

The Old Rochester Regional Guidance Department will sponsor the Annual Financial Aid Information Night for parents of college bound students, on Thursday, December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the ORR High School Auditorium. A representative from MEFA will discuss various aspects of financing a college education including the financial aid application process, searching for scholarships, understanding how aid is calculated and awarded, and other financing including payment plans

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Filling out the forms correctly can eliminate delays which might jeopardize aid packages. The financial aid forms will be available at this meeting and will then be available in the Guidance Office during school hours.

Elderly Tax Counseling

Starting February 4, 2008, the AARP Tax Foundation will provide free tax help to people age 60 and older at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA). They will provide free tax counseling and basic income tax preparation for seniors.

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Marion Masters

Genevieve C. Wheeler, daughter of Jeffrey and Kimberly Wheeler of Marion, has been awarded the Degree of Master of Letters in Creative Writing with Merit from the University of Glasgow, UK. Ms. Wheeler is a 2001 graduate of ORR and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, magna cum laude. She spent her Junior year at the University of Stirling, Scotland. Currently, Ms. Wheeler is employed at Harper Collins Publishing Company, Glasgow, as a Digital Support Executive.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The winter hours at the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, starting the week of December 10, 2007.

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Mattapoisett Essay Winner

Heidi Schneider, an eighth grade student at Friends Academy in North Dartmouth, won first prize in the Dartmouth, Massachusetts VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. The Patriot's Pen essay contest gives sixth, seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. Friends Academy's seventh and eighth grade English teacher Lauren Corliss encouraged all of her students to participate in the essay writing contest.

The theme of this year's contest was, "Why I Am an American Patriot." Heidi's essay relates the emotional homecoming of a neighbor who had just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Ms. Kathie Okolski and Mr. Tom Imbeau of the Dartmouth VFW presented Heidi with her prize, a check for \$150 at Friends Academy on November

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28. Ms. Okolski stated, "Board members of the VFW chose her essay because it was so personal. It hit home with all the emotions that this topic can raise."

The essay has now been sent to the regional competition. If Heidi wins on this level, it will be sent to the state competition and subsequently to a national level where the prize is a \$10,000 savings bond. Heidi expressed her surprise and delight at being chosen as first place winner, "I can't believe it! I just told my story of how I felt about my neighbor."

Heidi is the daughter of Lynda and Douglas Schneider. She and her family reside in Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 14 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. There will be an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and punch served at 6:00 pm and a delicious meal catered locally by Panino's which will follow at 6:30 pm. The menu will be roast turkey with stuffing and gravy, mashed red bliss potatoes, butternut squash, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, grapenut pudding, coffee and punch. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person and checks may be sent, payable to the Maconchu Club, to Joan Manchester, 5 LeBaron Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Deadline is Monday, December 10 and guests are welcome and encouraged.

Entertainment is planned following the dinner: some students from the ORR Drama Club will come in costume from their latest production of "A Christmas Carol" to do some carolling, of course, with Paul Sardinha accompanying them on piano. And then, maybe, everyone will sing!

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- December 16: Paul Harrison;
- December 23: Service of Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm (no morning service);
- December 30: To be announced;
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For more information please contact discussion leader, Ms. Lois Murray at 508-758-4949 before December 18, 2007.

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Showstoppers Musical Entertainment will be performing its Holiday Show from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 18 at the North Dartmouth Mall with special guests, Mission Improvisation.

Holiday Parking Program

In an effort to encourage folks to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the city is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. Effective now through January 1, 2008, New Bedford is offering free two-hour parking at metered spaces in both the downtown and North End business districts, and also at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages.

If you are parked at a meter in either the downtown or North End business districts while doing your holiday shopping and by chance receive a ticket, please take or mail your parking ticket along with a copy of sales receipt for over \$10 from a downtown or North End Business district restaurant/merchant to the Traffic Commission Office.

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Cassandra has had a long career of musical endeavors that include 30 years service to the public schools of New Bedford, Belmont, Bourne, Massachusetts and Danielson, Connecticut. During these years of service she has been recognized as an outstanding music educator, receiving the Lowell Mason Award for Excellence in Music Education, The Distinguished Service Award for over 25 years of service from the Massachusetts Music Educator's Association, and a semi-finalist for 1997 Massachusetts Teacher of the year award.

Her many choirs have represented Massachusetts at numerous state and national music educator's conventions where they have represented the finest high school choirs on the east coast. She has also traveled with her many groups to The Bahamas, England, and Spain on concert tours. She is a well sought-after clinician and adjudicator for all of the New England states where she has also been guest conductor for all state choir festivals. During her music career, Cassandra has been employed at seven different church organist and choir positions ranging from Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Congregational denominations. She is excited about bringing her musical talents to the worship service of The First Congregational Church and sharing her talents with both the choir and congregation.

Mattapoissett Fuel Assistance

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Marion Postcard Book

Publication is right around the corner for Sippican Historical and Preservation Society (SHPS) Curator Pete Smith's wonderful book, *A Picture Postcard History of Marion*. Several years in development, the book chronicles the growth and changes in the town, as recorded on postcards during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Before telephones became commonplace, postcards were the cheapest, fastest modes of long-distance communication. Eventually, the postcards from that era became collectibles, some for their historical relevance and others for their visual appeal.

For Pete, the interest in local postcards has been lifelong; for him, postcards of Marion, "bring back memories of places, people, and a way of living long gone. They also stir a bit of awe ... about how some aspects of the town endure — through the generations, alongside the



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Deck the Doors Contest

Deck the doors with boughs of holly, bittersweet, fans of apple, ornaments of dried okra, pomegranate, oyster shells, and all things natural. The second annual door decorating competition is getting underway as the Mattapoisett Women's Club revives the custom of affixing fruits, vegetables, dried flowers, herbs, and other plant life to basic Christmas forms like wreaths, swags, and roping.

The "Deck-the-Door" committee spearheaded by Sandy Hering is searching for creativity, seasonality, and décor consistent with Mattapoisett's historical setting. "All town residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate their front doors for the holiday season," said Ms. Lois Ennis. "The decorations suggest a time when the holidays revolved around the sharing of one's blessings with friends and family," added club president Bette Parker.

Mattapoisett's Second Annual decorating competition is a key scholarship fundraiser for the Women's Club. Judging takes place the week of the December 10. Applications are available at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, the Seaport Village Coffee Shoppe and the Mattapoisett



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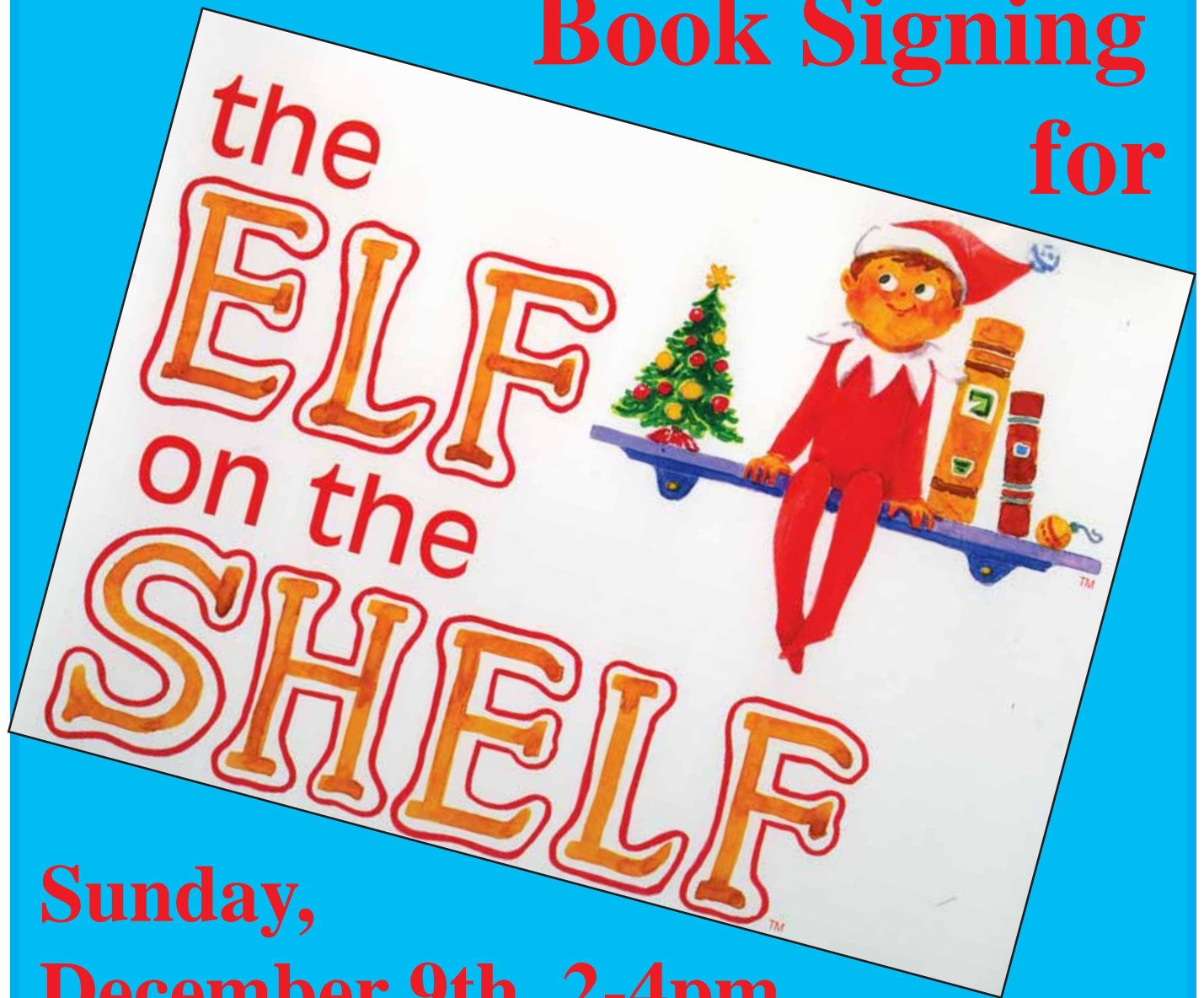
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Presidential Primary

As you are aware, Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill on Monday, November 26 to move the state's presidential primary from March 4, 2008 to February 5, 2008. The last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary on February 5, 2007 is Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 pm for registration that night. If you will not be able to vote

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The program, which opens at the Marion Music Hall on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm, is repeated in New Bedford's Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00 pm. Both concerts will be preceded by an informative lecture, at 7:00 pm in Marion and at 2:30 pm in New Bedford, and will offer receptions with light refreshments.

The January program features the music of Hector Berlioz, Claude Debussy, Albert Roussel, and Jean Francaix, composers whose careers span the last 150 years and whose work exemplifies the best in French chamber music. Listeners will enjoy the wide spectrum of sound offered by the Chamber Music Society — flute, oboe, cello, violin, viola, piano, and voice — in ravishing pieces adored for their lyricism and grace, their passion and nu-

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Albert Roussel may not yet be a household name, but for the French themselves he is truly a master of 20th century music. In *Les Joueurs de flute*, audiences will hear one of his best-known pieces, one that might be described as a tribute to the flute, his favorite instrument. Each of its four movements, Pan, Tityre, Krishna, and M. de la Pejaudie, is dedicated to a figure associated with the flute and features music typical of each, from ancient Greek to Hindu and modern European. As played by SCCMS co-founder Claude Cobert, Roussel's piece will offer an intriguing look at the subtlety and power of the flute.

Jean Francaix was a piano virtuoso who tried his hand at most musical forms — concerti, symphonies, operas, and ballets — but who never wandered far from his avowed goal, to "give pleasure." His *Quartet for cor anglais and strings*, written in 1970 (Francaix died in 1997), will showcase Francaix's witty and elegant style and will remind audiences of that great French love of the Neoclassical that seems so apparent in all the arts, from the drama of Jean Racine to the stylistic flourishes of the Napoleonic era, to the paintings of David and Ingres.

Tickets for the January program are \$18 (ages 16 and younger free) and can be purchased at the door, at The Symphony Music Shop on Route 6 in Dartmouth, at The Bookstall on Front Street in Marion, or by filling-in and mailing the form that appears on SCCMS's website,

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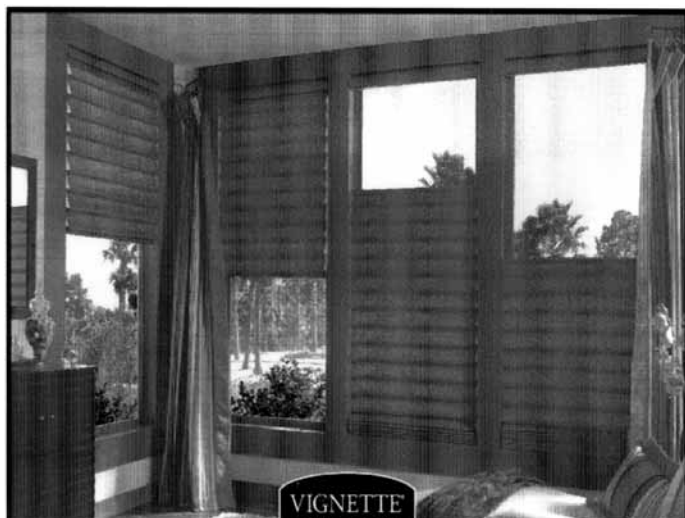
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The Adams Scholarship is open to all public school students who score in the advanced category in either the English or Math section of the state-mandated MCAS test and at least in the proficient category on the other section by the end of their junior year. The student's MCAS scores must also rank in the top twenty-five percent of their school district to qualify. Adams' scholars qualify for four years of free tuition at public colleges and universities in Massachusetts.

Superintendent Farr praised the following students who did so well on the MCAS exam: Joseph Agrillo III, Brittany Chandler, Craig Griffith, and Sean Kennedy from the town of Bourne; Nathan Corriveau, Cameron Eisen, Anthony Faria, Jenna Losordo, Edward Martin, and Erick Read from the town of Falmouth; Nicholas Geary and David Shaw from Marion; Joseph Andrade, Olivia Beane, Adam Fenton, Russell Kriehn, Renee Leary, Kenneth Lynch, and Hope Wright from Sandwich; and Brandy Joyce, Paul Kinsky, Shawn Ring, Christopher



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Marion Council on Aging


Parkinson's Group

The next Parkinson's Group meeting will be held on December 12 at Fay's Restaurant beginning at 1:00 pm. Please call Judy Medeiros at 508-997-0907 to reserve a spot and order your choice of meal.

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Upcoming Events

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On December 12 the COA van will head to Springfield to drive through the Bright Nights at Forest Park lights display. Please call the COA at 508-748-3570 to reserve your space on the van.

Rochester Toys for Tots

The stores of the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester are once again collecting Toys for Tots and food for Damien's Pantry this Christmas. Now through December 15, donations of toys and non-perishable food items will be accepted at many of the mall stores. Toys must be new. Please help spread the joy of Christmas with those less fortunate.

Marion Book Signing

On Friday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, The Bookstall in Marion will host a book signing and reception for the authors and publisher of *On the Wind: The Marine Photographs of Norman Fortier*. This oversized book contains a chronicle of 60 years of Mr. Fortier's large-format maritime photos of sailing on Buzzards Bay during the post-war era. The book has just been published by the New Bedford Whaling Museum in cooperation with David Godine of Black Sparrow Press. Its introduction and captions were written by Calvin Siegal and Llewellyn Howland of Dartmouth, and the images were edited by Michael Lapidés, the Whaling Museum's photo curator. Mr. Howland and Mr. Siegal will be signing copies of the book at the event.

Mr. Fortier is well-known to Marion and Mattapoisett sailors, as he covered Buzzards Bay from the Cape Cod Canal to Newport and Block Island. *On the Wind* carries the viewer west to Rhode Island Sound and Newport, east to Mattapoisett, Marion, and to the harbors at the



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Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

Mattapoisett's Friends of the Elderly will have its Seniors Christmas Party on December 13 at 12:00 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Please pick up your free ticket at the COA office in Center School.

Dine Out Books

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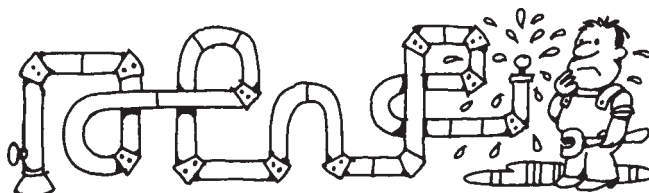
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Mattapoissett Women's Club

The Mattapoissett Women's Club meets December 13 at 12:00 noon at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church for their annual holiday luncheon. Following the luncheon, holiday entertainment will be provided by George Cataldo. Known as the "Silver Foxx," Mr. Cataldo croons favorite tunes and shares memories from the big band era. Come hear this snappy entertainer and share memories from this timeless era.

ORR Holiday Concerts

Old Rochester Junior and Senior High schools will present their Annual Holiday Concerts! The ORR Junior High School will perform on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the ORR Junior High School Auditorium. On Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm, the ORR Senior High School will perform at 7:00 pm in the ORR Auditorium.

Come and celebrate the holidays with music performed by the award-winning ORR Chorus, Concert and Jazz Bands! Admission to both concerts is free.

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Volunteering for FISH is a way to offer a meaningful contribution to the community. They currently need volunteers to transport neighbors to medical appointments. All riders are ambulatory. Volunteers use their own car. You can volunteer for one day a month or perhaps just one morning a week. If this is something you would like to assist with, please call 508-758-2140. Remember, volunteering feels good. They are also in need of FISH callers. Callers schedule about three requests a day and drivers. Just call 508-758-2140 for more information.

COA Newsletter

If you wish to receive the Mattapoissett Council on Aging newsletter, please call the center at 508-758-4110 with your name and address. The newsletter comes out every other month and is full of ideas and upcoming events that you won't want to miss. Residents of Marion and Rochester are also welcome to receive newsletter and participate in COA activities.

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Marion Art Center

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Silhouettes

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Ebony Scrooge

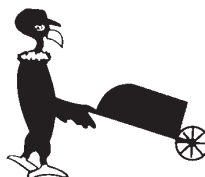
The Young People's Theater groups, directed by Annie Giddings, will present two plays in December. "Ebony Scrooge: A Modern Christmas Carol" will be performed on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. The advanced theater class will perform "Beauty is a Beast" on Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 15 at 2:00 pm. Donations will be appreciated.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center, the location of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging is located at the Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance; parking is located across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Weekly Schedule

- Monday, December 10: 8:00 Water Aerobics; 9:00 SHINE; 10:00 Garden Club; 1:00 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble; 1:30 Fitness with Karen;
- Tuesday, December 11: 8:30 Stop and Shop; 9:00 Art Class; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 11:00 Cribbage; 1:15

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• Friday, December 14: 8:30 Shaws; 9:30 Weight Training; SERVE Delivery Day 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

Island Terrace Christmas Tree Tour – December 20, 1:30 pm: Enjoy a fabulous display of 20 individually decorated tree. And a Formal Afternoon Tea is served after the tour. Tour is free, van \$3 Don't forget you camera!

• Blithewold Mansion in Bristol, RI – Friday December 27: A beautiful mansion decked out for Christmas, a wonderful trip to enjoy the season. Also a stop at the Lobster Pot for lunch. Call the COA for details and to reserve your seat.

• Free Legal Consultation with The Medicaid and Estate Planning Strategies Law Firm, P.C. – January 14 from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Appointment required, sign up at the COA

• Bodies ... The Exhibition – Tuesday January 22, 2008 in Framingham. An exhibition that illustrates the complexity of the human body. Features over 200 specimens including whole bodies and individual organs. Call COA for rate and van \$6. Sign up early as space is limited.

• Library Van Service (*now* every Saturday). Please call the COA by Friday to schedule pick up at 9:00 am on Saturday.

• Cribbage: on Tuesdays at 11:00 am. A fun game that exercises the brain, too.

• New Bedford Symphony Orchestra: Holiday Concert Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 if purchased at the COA (\$50 tickets, special rate for Mattapoisett COA). Seats are limited so plan early. The cost is better than what symphony members pay, so if this is of interest, get your tickets early. Tickets are for Section A seating, first 25 rows. Van ride \$4 or buy your tickets here and provide own transportation. Either way, don't miss out!

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Marion Natural History Museum

Holiday Open House

The Marion Natural History Museum's Annual Holiday Open House will take place on Friday, December 7. Because only some schools have early release on that day, the party has been extended from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

From 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, the museum will provide refreshments along with craft supplies to help the kids make a gift for those special people. Board members and volunteers will be on hand to help with craft-making activities. This program is free to the public. The museum is located at 8 Spring Street, on the second floor.

The museum is looking for volunteers to help with this program. If interested, please call the museum at 508-748-2098 to find out more.


Afterschool Programs

- December 7 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm - Holiday Open House. It's a half day so let's have a party! Refreshments will be available along with craft supplies to help you with making a gift for special people. Board members and volunteers will be on hand to help with craft making activities.

Note: Unless otherwise designated, all programs are from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Museum and the cost per program is \$4.00 for members, \$5.00 for nonmembers. Please register with the museum, not your school or library.

Lego and Robotics Club

The Lego and Robotics Club remains a gathering place for those creative-minded kids who want to exchange ideas. They meet every other Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 am at the Marion Natural History Museum. Please contact the museum at 508-748-2098 for the fall schedule. They would welcome donations to a new robotics kit and/or your used legos.



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Saint Gabriel's Church

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion located on Front Street serves the communities of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. They have a rich history as a Church beginning at the end of the Civil War. Services on Sunday are at 8:00 am using Rite I and at 10:00 am using Rite 2 C; Eucharistic service on Wednesday is at 7:30 am. An adult Bible Study is offered on Wednesday at 8:00 am and at 12:15 am. Our church school uses the Godly Play Curriculum which is Montessori based! The congregation loves it and they know your children will, too! They welcome your children to the Christian Education on Sundays starting at 9:45 am. The children will be brought to the Church around 10:30 am to meet with the Congregation before the Eucharist (Feast).

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Rochester Sisters Nominated

Rochester Elementary School students and siblings, Arissa Underhill (Grade 6) and Deianeira Underhill (Grade 4), were recently honored with being recipients of numerous nominations for the SouthCoast Youth of The Year 2007.

Though flattered, these sisters felt that the award should be given to another youth who was equally deserving of same. There were, however, an significant amount of requests/recommendations for these two wonderful girls.

Recommendations came from as far as Guatemala, Florida, Camp Sunshine in Maine, Doug Flutie Jr. Autism Foundation, the Reach Out and Read Literacy Foundation, and individuals from local communities who have been touched by these two young girls.

Arissa and Deianeira have been working hard over the last year to earn monies on their own whether it be done by chores, allowances, foregoing birthdays, and more so they may help others who are less fortunate.

This year itself they purchased and donated 375 Brand New Books to the R.O. and R. Literacy Foundation, they donated \$1,500 to Camp Sunshine, the Doug Flutie, Jr. Autism Foundation, the American Cancer Foundation and local shelters for people and animals.

Most recently, the girls have "adopted" several area Marines as "pen pals" and have put together boxes of essentials and fun things to send to these Marines. These individuals having no one to write or send items to them while serving our Country. Also, they have been diligently working to send as many cards as possible to the Recovering Soldiers Card Drive in Washington, DC.

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First Night 2007

The New Bedford First Night committee is counting the days until New Year's Eve and the big push for volunteers and sponsorship donations is under way. Sponsorship donations are very much needed for the success of First Night.

"First Night has been celebrated on New Year's Eve in New Bedford for over twenty years and we really need corporate and individual sponsors to help us make this the best year ever!" said First Night New Bedford President Susan Encarnacao. "We have outstanding regional entertainment scheduled and financial support from area businesses and the community is crucial to First Night's success."

Volunteers are also needed throughout the evening on First Night. "It's a great way to be involved in a community event and also have fun being part of a wonderful celebration," said First Night Vice President Claudia Ostiguy. "We really depend on volunteer support to help accomplish all that needs to be done so that First Night runs as smoothly as possible. Without the help of committed and energetic volunteers First Night would not happen."

Volunteers will each be given shifts of a few hours on New Year's Eve to help check for buttons at venue sites, assist at Custom House Square and perform various other necessary tasks. It takes a lot of volunteers to help out on the evening of First Night and community participation helps tremendously. Volunteers will receive a complimentary First Night button as a thank you to enjoy the rest of the celebration.

First Night New Bedford is the fourth oldest First Night celebration in the nation. It is supported each year primarily by fund-raising events, sales of attendance buttons, contributions from community-minded businesses and volunteer participation.

First Night New Bedford depends on this support for its success. To sign up to volunteer, please contact Claudia Ostiguy at 508-995-7613. To make a financial contribution to First Night New Bedford, please call 508-287-2482. Please send your sponsorship donations to First Night New Bedford, Inc., P.O. Box 1701, New Bedford, MA 02741. Visit our website www.firstnightnb.org.

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"The 2008 First Night button represents all of the fun and excitement that the New Year's Eve celebration brings to downtown New Bedford," said Mayor Scott W. Lang. "This year, the First Night Committee has worked in collaboration with AHA! and I think the public will be pleasantly surprised with the new and expanded programming they have created."

First Night 2008 starts at 5:00 pm on New Year's Eve with a service at Seaman's Bethel and concludes with an amazing fireworks display at Custom House Square at 10:00 pm with lots of fun family-oriented events scheduled at more than a dozen different downtown venues. A complete list of the programming scheduled for First Night 2008 is available at www.firstnightnb.org.

The First Night New Bedford Committee encourages the public to purchase their First Night New Bedford buttons early and save. From now until December 19, buttons are only \$8 each. From December 20 through New Year's Eve, buttons will sell for \$10 each. No button is required for admittance for children 3 years of age and under.

In addition to Shaw's Supermarket, First Night 2008 buttons are also available at all Sovereign Bank branches, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates in Fairhaven, and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

The Mini-Nutcracker

Bring the entire family on a magical journey to a land of action and drama, as the New Bedford Youth Ballet presents, *The Mini-Nutcracker*, December 8 through December 16 at the Alves Theater of the New Bedford Ballet. Since the original 1892 staging of the *The Nutcracker* to the music of Ilych Tchaikovsky, this timeless story has become a holiday tradition for audiences all over the world. The Youth Ballet's production is a unique, shortened version, with narration, making it ideal for younger children, who always welcome the opportunity to view life-size dolls, meet Drosselmeier, see the Nutcracker fight the Mouse Queen, and join Clara as she visits the enchanting Land of Sweets. All Girl and Boy Scout troops are offered discounted rates for the performances.

All proceeds from the ballet benefit the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. Throughout the years the foundation has granted numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. As a result of private and corporate contributions to the Taylor Leigh Alves Fund of the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, the Youth Ballet will be performing *The Mini-Nutcracker* at St. Luke's Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital, providing patients, their families, and the hospital staff a relaxing break from their hospital routine. What a wonderful way to enjoy the spirit

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For more information or to reserve tickets, please call New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387.

Fairhaven Church Fair

If you love old time church fairs, join the Fairhaven Memorial Church for their Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the church, 102 Green Street in Fairhaven. Select from a variety of handcrafted original gifts in a relaxed atmosphere while you listen to live holiday music played by our members. Buy a raffle ticket, take a tour of our beautiful sanctuary and save yourself some time this holiday by picking up some pies or breads at our bake sale table, or a Dinner for Two book which is perfect for holiday giving.

Take a break from your shopping and step next door to the Harrop Center where the Men's Fellowship will be sponsoring a "lunch deli" of homemade soups and sandwiches from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 8 in this fine old building, the original parish house for the church. You may choose from five different tasty chowders and soups and four different sandwiches. Vegetarian selections included.

On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, our talented Director of Music, Dwight Thomas, and the Choir of the Unitarian Church will present the much loved holiday service "Lessons and Carols" in the Sanctuary; what a better way to unwind and enjoy the spirit of the season than listening to holiday music in Fairhaven's landmark Unitarian Church? All are welcome, come share your holiday with them!

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The Plumb Library announces a new monthly program, "Tea and Titles." The first Friday of each month, we'll be serving tea and discussing any new books just arrived at the library, or about to come out. The first program will take place at 3:30 pm on December 7. No registration is necessary. Drop on over for a cuppa and a chat. For more information, please call 508-763-8600 or email info@plumblibrary.com.

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Fairhaven Holiday Events

• Thursday, December 6: Hastings Middle School Seventh and Eighth Grades Holiday Concert; Hastings Middle School, Walter Silveira Auditorium, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of holiday music that will put you in the holiday spirit. This concert features the Concert Band, Chorus, Jazz Band and String Ensemble under the direction of Daniela Chirigotis, Chris Heater and Bryan Young. Come and join in the celebration of this wonderful time of year. Free. Handicap accessible. For more information: 508-979-4051 Ext. 1023.

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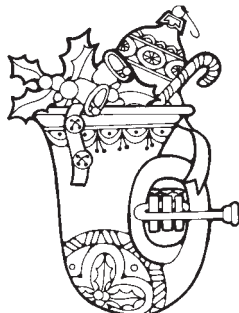
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Madison Pina was born on May 30, 2007 to proud parents Tangi and William Pina of Middleboro. Grandparents are Lauri Pina and David Pina of Marion

OBITUARIES

Arthur Frates Jr., 81, of Fairhaven, died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, November 27, 2007. He was the husband of Irene (Dumas) Frates to whom he had been married for 60 years.

Born on April 11, 1926, a son of the late Arthur M. Frates Sr., and Mary (Perry) Frates, he was a lifelong area resident and graduate of Fairhaven High School, Class of 1943.

Mr. Frates was a sales manager in the Greater Boston area and an avid patron of the Millicent Library. A United States Navy Veteran, he served during World War II. He was a long time member of the Fairhaven Rotary and Garden Clubs.

Survivors include his children, Russell A. Frates and his wife, Stacey of Marion, MA, Robert P. Frates of Fairhaven, MA, Carolyn Bouley and her husband, Philip of Mattapoisett; brother of Robert Frates of Stoneham, MA, and Barbara Ferreira of Port Charlotte, FL; grandfather of Jennifer L. and Ian A. Frates, Ashley M., and Jaleise Bouley; and many nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Donald R. Frates and Arthur F. Frates and grandfather of the late Alexander M. Frates.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Saint Jude's Hospital, P.O. Box 810, Memphis, TN 38101-9087 or Arthur Frates Memorial Fund at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, P.O. Box 30, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Arrangements in the care of the Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Fairlawn, Fairhaven.

Edna Lawler Yonkman, 99, died November 14, 2007, at Sippican Retirement Home in Marion, Massachusetts, where she had resided for several years. She was the wife of the late Dr. F.F. Yonkman who preceded her in death in 1974.

Survivors include her stepchildren, Frederick and Jewel Yonkman of Stamford, Connecticut, Gretchen Vanden Berg of Grand Rapids, and John R. and Thelma Yonkman of Holland. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Anna L. Holland of Al-

legan and Fritz Sennett of Holland. A memorial service will be held in Massachusetts at a later date.

Christopher M. Kelley, 49, of Hyde Park, MA, passed away on November 24, 2007. Chris leaves his wife Vanda Parece Wright. Born in New Bedford, he was the son of Dorothy (Woodacre) Kelly of Fairhaven and the late Frederick J. Kelley. Chris worked as a merchant marine sailor, commercial fisherman and chef. He liked the sea and sailing around the world. He also enjoyed the White Mountains in New Hampshire. In addition to his wife and mother Chris leaves four children, Eric Kelley of Colorado; Ryan Kelley, Devin Kelley and Ashley Kelley all of New Bedford, a grandson Tyler Dylan Martin of New Bedford, his brothers Frederick J. Kelley of Fall River and Stephen M. Kelley of Newton and his sister Deborah K. Trahan of Mattapoisett. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Delores Ann "Chubby" Pina, 68, died Thursday, November 29 at her home in Marion surrounded by loved ones. She was the wife of Alexander A. Pina.

Born in Marion, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary (Lopes) Santos. Ms. Pina was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Zandra Pina of Silver Spring, MD and Susan Hardy and her husband Jerome of New Bedford; four sisters, Teresa Cabral of Wareham, Lillian Monteiro of Boston and Beatrice Pina and Priscilla Roderick both of Marion; two brothers, Napoleon Santos and Morris Santos both of New Bedford; five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole and Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Route 28), Wareham.

Donations in her memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 1115 W. Chestnut Street, Suite 301, Brockton, MA 02401.

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• Saturday, December 8: Rogers School Breakfast and Santa's Workshop; Rogers School, 100 Pleasant Street, 9:00 to 11:00 am. Enjoy some delicious breakfast items and let the children make some holiday crafts. Sponsored by the Rogers School PTO.

• Saturday, December 8: The 135th Brick Church Fair; First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The church will be alive with activity. Crafts, baked goods, cookies, home cooking, Vermont cheddar cheese, chance auction, Fairhaven photos, refreshments and more. Raffle prizes include a print of an Arthur Moniz painting of a peregrin falcon perched on the church tower and a weekend for two at Briar Rose Bed and Breakfast. Lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, or until sold out. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-993-3368 or email fccs@comcast.net.

• Saturday, December 8: Town Hall Shops; Town Hall, 40 Center Street, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Non-profit and church groups have booths to sell holiday related items and more. Some of the organizations with tables are: Fairhaven/New Bedford-Tosashimizu Sister City Committee, Fairhaven Village Militia, Fairhaven Mother's Club, East Fairhaven Improvement Association, Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, First Congregational Church Community Concert Series, Fairhaven Improvement Association, Shining Tide Quilters, and others. Free. Handicap accessible. For more info: 508-979-4085.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Child's Play

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Juno. Starring Ellen Page and Michael Cera. Directed by Jason Reitman. Running time: 95 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

It's hard to tell what kind of actress Ellen Page will be in ten or twenty years (she's twenty now), because she plays teenage girls to witty perfection. She was the best reason to sit through the self-consciously "provocative" *Hard Candy*, and in *Juno*, with the help of a much better script, she creates a smart and idiosyncratic 16-year-old and effortlessly carries the movie. Not that the movie is heavy lifting; it trades in the sort of stylized quirk probably inaugurated by Wes Anderson and *Rushmore*, it's loaded — borderline overloaded — with twee little acoustic songs with clever lyrics, and its style and content will mark it among cynics as *Napoleon Dynamite* meets *Knocked Up*. Still, Page reigns over the movie, joined by a solid, eclectic cast who are allowed to be as individualized as she is.

Juno (Page) gets pregnant. The father is Paulie Bleeker (Michael Cera, adding yet another withdrawn dork to his portfolio after *Arrested Development* and *Superbad*), who runs track for the school. Juno's dad (J.K. Simmons) and stepmom (Allison Janney) are a bit nonplussed by the news, but not outraged or punitive, a big relief for Juno and for us. Juno considers abortion, then decides to carry the baby to term and give it to suburban adoptive parents Mark and Vanessa (Jason Bateman and Jennifer Garner).

There are no villains in *Juno*. Even Mark, whose immaturity leads him into questionable areas, is played by Bateman as an essentially okay guy who's in over his head and sorely misses the old days, when he was in a band (he now composes commercial jingles). Mark and Vanessa, unhappy in their separate ways, are the movie's most interesting characters. For her part, Garner, a recent mom in real life, manages to give every line and gesture a subtext of sadness and frustration without turning Vanessa into a cartoon wannabe-mommy. This couple, we feel, used to have more things in common, but their mid-thirties pulled her deeper into maternal longings and him further into nostalgia.



The first produced script by 29-year-old Diablo Cody, who drops references to Herschell Gordon Lewis and Mott the Hoople as if she were twenty years older, *Juno* is peppered with sharp, quotable dialogue. Some will say real people don't talk like that — aren't so quick with witticisms — but Juno is the narrator, so I agreed to accept the badinage as Juno's way of making her story funny and interesting. Jason Reitman, who directed the amusingly savvy *Thank You for Smoking* two years ago, continues to leave his out-of-it dad Ivan in the dust. Reitman's work here is unpretentious and charming, though, as I said, a bit too dependent on coffee-house noodling on the soundtrack. (Juno worships Iggy Pop, but the movie's budget probably only allowed for Kimya Dawson and Antsy Pants.)

I liked Juno, so I liked the movie. Such touches as Juno talking into her hamburger phone to her equally witty cheerleader friend (Olivia Thirlby), or the fact that Reitman gets away with showing a bloody scene from *The Wizard of Gore* in a PG-13 film, add to the general endearing texture. *Juno* sidesteps being an ABC Afterschool Special — or, for that matter, a brief for pro-life or pro-choice — and makes its characters stubbornly human, always tinkering or doing things that suggest a life outside the movie. Jason Reitman enjoys people, and seems to want to make comedies about how they are. As for Ellen Page, time will tell what age and experience will bring to her work; it'll be fun to follow her and find out.

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My Kid Could Paint That (PG13) – Fri: 7:25; Sat/Sun: 1:10, 7:25; Mon-Thu: 7:00
Sleuth (R) – Fri: 9:15; Sat/Sun: 4:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 3:55

- Saturday, December 8: Holiday Marketplace; Unitarian Memorial Church parish house, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Unitarian Church parish house will be the site of a variety of fine crafters' booths, baked goods and the Women's Alliance holiday greens. Festive holiday music, a visit from St. Nicholas and a Christmas tree decorated with love will spread holiday cheer throughout the halls. Free Admission. Handicap accessible. For more info: 508-992-7081.

- Saturday, December 8: Unitarian Memorial Church Sanctuary Tours; Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Guided tours will be given of the English gothic church built in 1904 by Henry Huttleston Rogers. A \$1 per person donation is suggested. Handicap accessible. For more info: 508-992-7081.

- Saturday, December 8: Saint Nicholas Bazaar and Craft Show; Saint Joseph School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven; Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, also Sunday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event includes local crafters with handmade items, merchants with specialty items, food court, baked goods, children's games, raffles, silent auction, classroom tables and more. In addition there will be a visit from Santa. All proceeds benefit the students of St. Joseph School. Handicap accessible. Free. For more information, call 508-996-1983.

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- Saturday, December 8: Coggeshall Memorial House Christmas Open House; 6 Cherry Street; 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The lovely home of the Fairhaven Colonial Club will be decorated for the holidays. Free.

- Saturday, December 8: Holiday Luncheon; Harrop Center of Unitarian Memorial Church, Center Street, Fairhaven, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. A luncheon of hot soup or chowder and sandwiches will be served at the Harrop Center next door to the Unitarian Memorial Church. Prices vary depending on items ordered. For more info: 508-992-7081.

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Log highlights November 25 through December 1, 2007:

- Spring Street – found property
- Marion Road – assist other police department
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- County Road – assist other police department
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Converse Road – vandalism/past
- Arrowhead Lane – larceny/past
- Indian Cove Road – gunshots reported
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – animal complaint
- Bayview Road – family disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery to intimidate)
- Teel Street – animal complaint
- Point Road – suspicious activity
- Delano Road – family disturbance
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Indian Cove Road – suspicious person
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (marked lanes violation, defective equipment: headlight, operating under the influence of liquor)
- Job's Cove Road – family disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery: domestic)
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

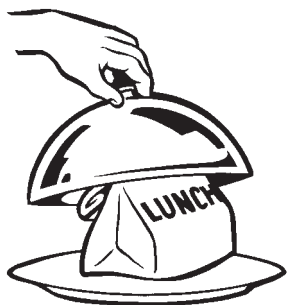
Log highlights November 25 through December 1, 2007:

- Aucoot Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Oaklawn Avenue – disturbance
- Bowman Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Hi-Ona-Hill Road – ambulance request
- Hi-Ona-Hill Road – protective custody (adult)
- North Street – property lost
- Homestead Court – harassing/annoying phone calls
- County Road – parking complaint
- Brant Beach Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – property found
- County Road – harassing/annoying phone calls
- Acushnet Road – threats/follow-up
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Ned's Point Road – suspicious activity
- Prospect Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – community policing
- North Street – suspicious persons
- Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street – vandalism
- Lynfield Lane – gunshots reported
- Creek Road – fire
- Marion Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Industrial Drive – motor vehicle violations
- Snow Fields Road – motor vehicle violations
- North Street – suspicious persons.

ROCHESTER

Log highlights November 28 through December 2, 2007:

- Pine Street – parking violation
- Alley Road – assist other agency
- Bowens Lane – motor vehicle stop
- Mattapoisett Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Rounseville Road – assist citizen
- Bowens Lane – motor vehicle stop
- County Road – animal control
- Dexter Lane – suspicious person
- Hartley Road – suspicious activity
- Mary's Pond Road – investigation
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Cranberry Highway – highway matter
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Old Middleboro Road – animal control
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious person
- High Street – traffic hazard
- Pierce Street – motor vehicle stop
- King's Highway – building check.



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Monday, December 10: Chicken bites, cosmic fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday, December 11: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday, December 12: Teriyaki chicken dippers, mashed potato, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday, December 13: Nick's Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 10: Vegetable soup, chicken l'orange, whipped potato, whole wheat roll, apple.

Tuesday, December 11: Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, fruit muffin, peaches in light syrup.

Wednesday, December 12: Roast pork with apple gravy, parslid mashed potatoes, green peas, honey wheat roll, chocolate pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Thursday, December 13: Stuffed peppers with tomato sauce, confetti rice, multigrain roll, mixed fruit in light syrup.

Friday, December 14: Hamburger/cheeseburger, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

Friday, December 14: Chicken stew with vegetables, mashed potatoes, snowflake roll, cookie, graham wafer.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 10: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, vegetable, assorted pizza, English muffin.

Tuesday, December 11: Taco with all the fixings, nachos and cheese, pizza, pretzel, peanut butter and jelly.

Wednesday, December 12: American chop suey, vegetable, bread, fresh rise pizza, chicken nuggets.

Thursday, December 13: Chicken bites, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, cranberry sauce, stuffed crust pizza, hamburger with/without cheese on a bun.

Friday, December 14: Appetizer platter, chicken, mozzarella sticks, baby cakes, potato wedges, vegetable, peanut butter and jelly.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 10: Steak'Um and cheese, potato puffs, corn, fruit.

Tuesday, December 11: Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, bread, jello.

Wednesday, December 12: Toasted ham and cheese, pizza pocket, mixed vegetables, chilled fruit.

Thursday, December 13: Soft taco, chicken fajita, tortilla chips, green beans, salsa, pears.

Friday, December 14: Fish sandwich, pizza, pretzels, veggie sticks, fruit.



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• Saturday, December 8: Rec Center Anniversary Extravaganza; Antone "Hawk" Medeiros Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. A Fun afternoon with entertainment, face painting, pictures with Santa and a gingerbread house workshop. (Gingerbread house workshop require pre-registration and a fee. Call for info.) Handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-993-9269.

• Saturday, December 8: Town Hall Sing-along; Town Hall, 40 Center Street, 7:00 pm. The Fairhaven Improvement Association sponsors this annual sing-along outside the Town Hall, followed by a visit from Santa on a fire truck and refreshments. Free.

• Sunday, December 9: Breakfast With Santa and Saint Nicholas Bazaar and Craft Show; Saint Joseph School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven, Breakfast, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm; Bazaar until 2:00 pm. Come eat breakfast with Santa — pancakes, sausage, muffins, juice and coffee. Enter a coloring contest. Make-and-take crafts. Take photos with Santa for \$5 (Bring a can good to donate to the food drive and get \$2.00 off your photo.) Children may enter a coloring contest and make crafts. Also shop at the Holi-

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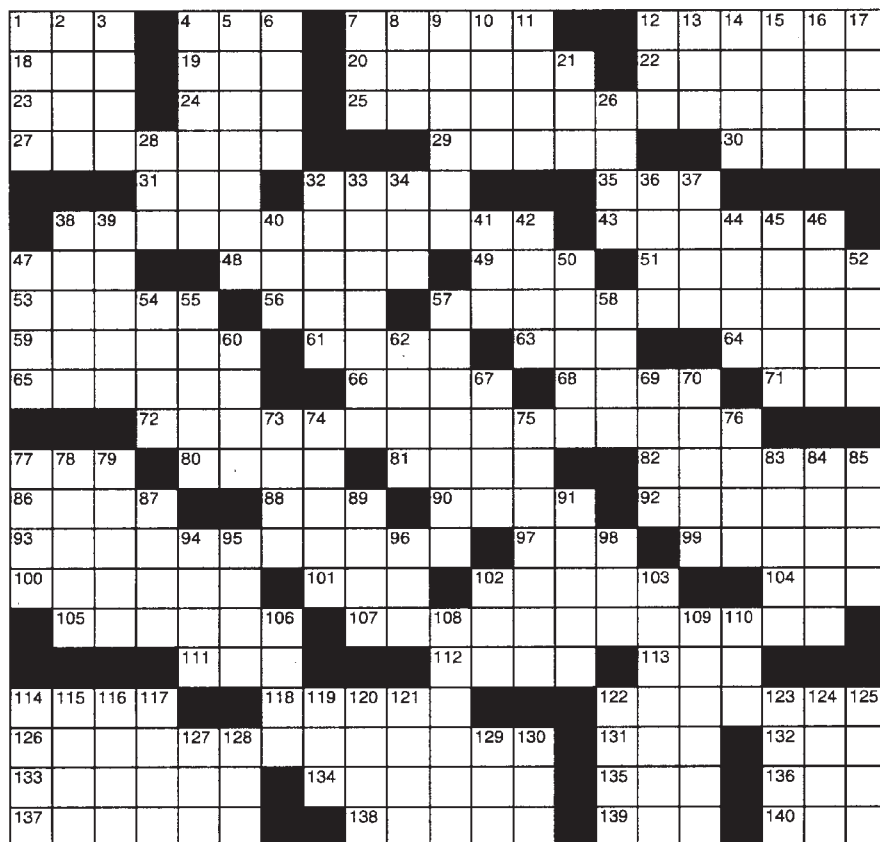
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25 Benjamin Bunny's creator
27 Theologian Thomas
29 Director Sergio
30 Lumberjack tools
31 Rocker Ocasek
32 "God's Little" ("58 film)
35 Wordless greeting
38 Musical medium
43 Dolls up
47 "Whether — nobler in the mind..."
48 Groom's gangplank?
49 He'll give you a squeeze
51 Baltimore
- bird
53 Maestro Leinsdorf
56 Slippery character?
57 Source of ills
59 Like King's fans
61 "Ritorna vincitor!" singer
63 Mr. Mineo
64 Military chapeau
65 Uruguayan title
66 Adjusts an alarm
68 Undiluted
71 Provide rooms
72 Software
77 Duval's org.
80 Mailer's "The — Park"
81 Stick in the mud
82 Daze
86 Marineland performer
88 "The — Daba Honeymoon" ("14 song)
90 Court order?
92 Compensation
93 Genesis peak
97 After taxes
99 Ravi-shing instrument?
100 Scott role
101 Mil. base
102 Slanted
104 Expert
105 Doesn't have
- to
107 Myron Floren's boss
111 Stroke's implement
112 Seldom seen
113 Joan Van —
114 Blind part
118 Emit
122 Spock's specialty
126 "Roseanne" actress
131 Plabum variety
132 Conduit fitting
133 Stang or Schwarzenegger
134 Author Collins
135 Buckingham (Abbr.)
136 Spider's snare
137 Tangled
138 Gravel-voiced
139 Ending for Capri
140 Boot part
- DOWN
1 Spanish dance
2 Tigris-Euphrates land
3 Computer selection list
4 Classical hunk?
5 Cure-all
6 Very, in Versailles
7 Subside
8 Rob Roy's refusal
9 Showy shrub
10 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"
11 Starch source
12 Bigwig
13 Give it — (try)
14 '87 Streisand film
15 Base stuff?
16 "— Leaf" ("71 film)
17 Ulnch of Metallica
21 — Tin Tin
26 Lucy Lawless role
28 April initials
32 Perplexed
33 Ma, for one
34 Hwy.
36 Smell
37 "David Copperfield" character
38 She brought out the beast in men
39 Oriental
40 Equal an opponent
41 Cops' org.
42 Forever, so to speak
44 Jeopardize
45 Dynamite philanthropist?
46 Stowe sight
47 Hardy heroine
50 Hersey
52 Way out
54 Gator's cousin
55 "Salome" role
57 Hale or Revere
58 First name in fashion
60 Knight's better half?
62 Believe
67 Nimble
69 Part of MA
70 Gogol's "— Bulba"
73 Compote component
74 Metropolitan
75 End a space flight
76 French Sudan, today
77 Ostentation
78 React to a pun
79 Intense
83 South African province
84 Pottery defect
85 Thornfield governess
87 Poker stake
89 Inland sea
91 Notre Dame's river
94 Fuss
95 Mofio or Magnani
96 Fit — fiddle
98 RN's
102 Coach Parseghian
103 4 p.m. vehicle?
106 In good shape
108 Inflicts
109 Twist and turn
110 Scrape by, with "out"
114 Act like a wrestler
115 — Flynn Boyle
116 Em or Bee
117 Jogger's gait
119 Emulate Betsy Ross
120 Recipe instruction
121 West Coast sch.
122 London district
123 Salamander
124 "The People's Choice" pooch
125 Czech river
127 — de France
128 Hall of Famer Roush
129 Mouth piece?
130 Enchanted



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice: Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist the urge to gloat now that you've proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best ally.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily surprised.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by the 8th.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) "Prudence" should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently happening in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your loyalty to friends makes you a very special person to those whose lives you've touched.

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- Sunday, December 9: Service of Lessons and Carols; Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, 4:00 pm. The Unitarian Universalist Society of

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LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES
<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE The Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the conference room, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2008 Community Preservation Committee Plan and to explain the application process for FY '09 funds. Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman 11/22, 11/29, 12/06 -----</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION CONTROL RULES AND REGULATIONS Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 81 Q, the Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street Mattapoisett, MA to propose an amendment to the Mattapoisett Subdivision Control Laws. The following proposal will be added as Section "J", will read as follows: CHAPTER IV Section J Subdivision Improvement Maintenance Trust 1. All subdivisions hereinafter created under the "Rules and Regulations of the Mattapoisett Planning Board" shall have an accompanying "Landowner Trust" created by the sub-divider, which shall be responsible for preservation and maintenance of all subdivision roadways, ways, rights of way, common areas, open space, subdivision utilities, easements, drainage improvements, subdivision improvements and the like, except with respect to subdivision roads that have been accepted by the Town as public ways. 2. Said Trust shall be created in a form approved by the Mattapoisett Planning Board, prior to endorsement of said plans. The Landowner Trust shall be recorded simultaneously with the recording of said subdivision plan at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. 3. All owners of land within the subdivision shall be required to be members as a condition of subdivision approval. 4. All subdivision roadways, ways, rights of way, common areas, open space, subdivision utilities, easements, drainage improvements, subdivision improvements and the like shall be deeded into and maintained by said Landowner Trust. Said sub-divider shall provide the Mattapoisett Planning Board with a recorded copy of both the Landowner Trust and Deed of Improvements into said Trust. 5. Said Landowner Trust shall vest in equal percentages to all Lot owners in said underlying subdivision. 6. As a condition of approval, the Landowner Trust, in the opinion of the Planning Board, shall be sufficiently funded initially and then require monthly or yearly funding by individual lot owners to allow for sufficient funding of initial</p>	<p>and projected repair, maintenance and replacement costs. 7. The Landowner Trust shall be responsible for writing to the individual lot owners at least twice per year to provide a report on the status of subdivision improvements and funding, including: (1) the yearly cost of maintenance and repairs for that calendar year; and (2) the yearly cost of maintenance and repairs projected for the following ten calendar years. In addition, at the same time, the Landowner Trust shall write to the individual lot owners and remind the individual lot owners of any obligations that the owners may have to maintain improvements, including drainage swales or berms or other structures located on their individual lots, for instance by periodic mowing or cleaning, and by not planting trees and other landscaping in drainage swales. Individual lot owners shall also be instructed as to best management practices that require the subdivision streets to be maintained in a clear, swept condition to avoid damage to drainage structures. 8. If at any point subsequent to the recording of the Landowner Trust, any or all subdivision roadway(s) or other improvements are accepted by the Town of Mattapoisett, pursuant to the proper procedures, said Trust shall terminate with respect to said accepted roadway(s) or other improvements. In the event that all said roadways and improvements are accepted, said Trustees shall record a certificate of termination endorsed by the Mattapoisett Planning Board, with a written record of said acceptance attached as an exhibit in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. A recorded copy shall be provided to the Mattapoisett Planning Board. Planning Board 11/29, 12/06 -----</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:20 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by DAVID D. CROLL to add beach nourishment above the mean high water line at 10 Lewis Street, further identified as Lots 98 and 98A on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/06 -----</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE ROAD CLOSING Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Signed: Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Caroline L. Megan, Secretary 12/06, 12/13 -----</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE #616 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 27, 2007 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Edward T. and Lisa Novakoff for a Variance from section 5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction of a dwelling with side and front setbacks less than required; and for a Special Permit under section 6.1.5 of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction of a non-conforming single-family structure. The property, located at 21 Holly Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 235. Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/06, 12/13 -----</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on an Amendment to an Order of Conditions (SE41-1047) issued to WILLIAM E. WEBER to reconstruct an existing licensed pier, ramp and float at 173 Front Street, further identified as Lot 75 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. The Amendment is to expand the scope of work to include reconstruction of 130' of the existing stone seawall. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Vice Chairman 12/06 -----</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1342 submitted by the LUDS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, c/o JOHN LUDS, to repair the foundation of the structure at 11 Hiller Street, and add new footings for a future deck structure. The site is further identified as Lot 82C on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/06 -----</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:05 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1343 submitted by the ROSEN POINT FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP for the following home improvements at 94 Piney Point Road, further identified as Lot 68 on Marion Assessors' Map 2: construct three small additions, an elevator addition, two sets of stairs, extend the deck, reconfigure the rooftop and install a drainage system to prevent runoff. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/06 -----</p>

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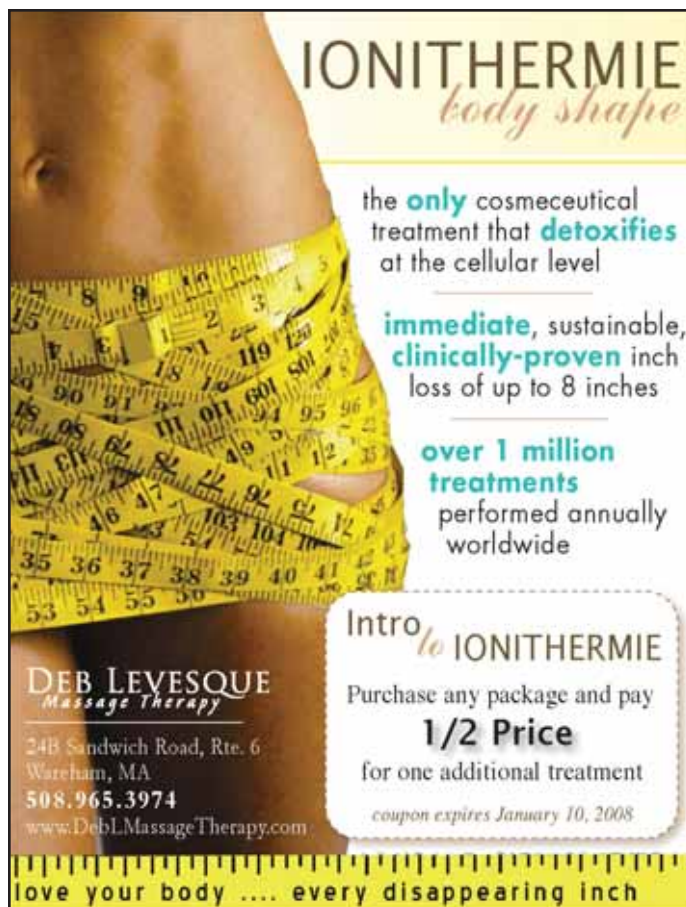
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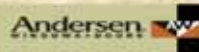
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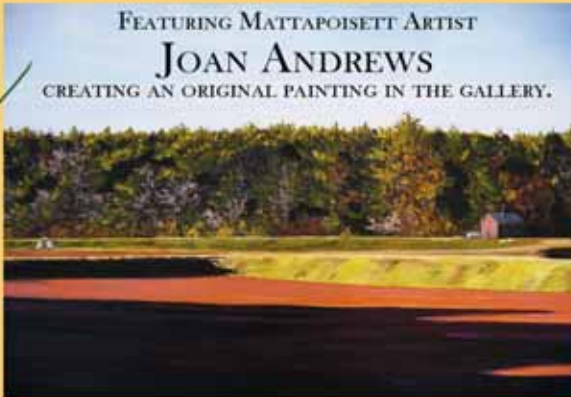
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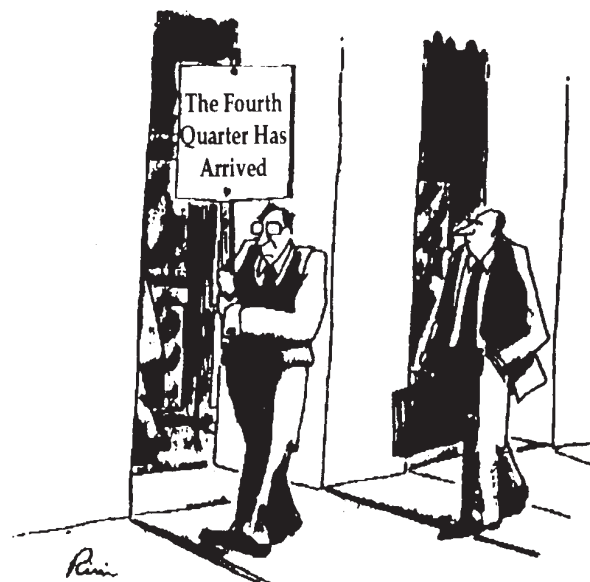
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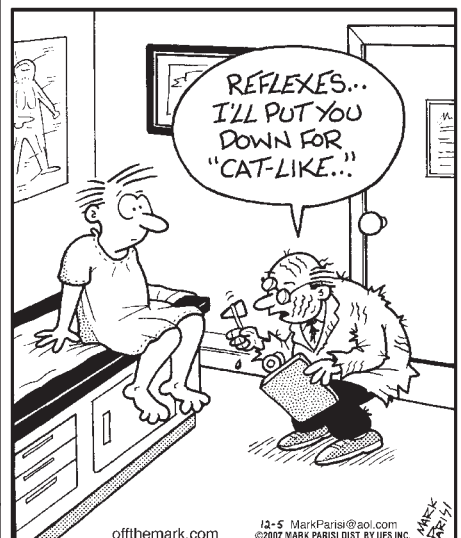
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- Monday Soup and Sandwich Lunch Every Monday at 12:00 noon – You are welcome to join the COA for the weekly soup and sandwich lunch at the Senior Center. As the cold weather descends upon us, a hot bowl of soup is most welcome at any time. To ward off your chills, a delicious hot lunch will be available for your enjoyment. No specific cost for the program, donations are welcome. Please call for a reservation so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you. Recipes and soup suggestions are welcome!

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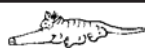
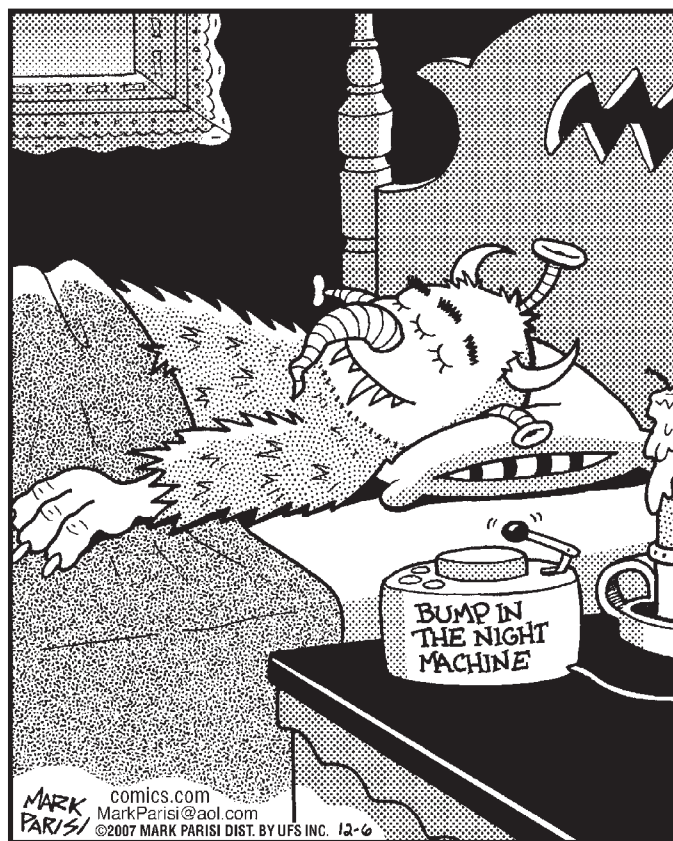
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December 10:	Mon.	7:56	8:15	12:56	1:58
December 11:	Tues.	8:34	8:56	1:36	2:38
December 12:	Wed.	9:14	9:40	2:16	3:16
December 13:	Thurs.	9:58	10:26	2:56	3:52
December 14:	Fri.	10:44	11:15	3:38	4:31
December 15:	Sat.	11:34	...	4:25	5:13
December 16:	Sun.	12:05	12:27	5:21	6:04
December 17:	Mon.	12:57	1:22	6:31	7:02
December 18:	Tues.	1:53	2:21	7:58	8:04
December 19:	Wed.	2:53	3:24	9:17	9:01
December 20:	Thurs.	3:56	4:26	10:21	9:56
December 21:	Fri.	4:57	5:26	11:17	10:49
December 22:	Sat.	5:55	6:21	...	12:01
December 23:	Sun.	6:51	7:13	12:02	1:08

**Phases
of the
Moon**

New Moon
First Quarter
Full Moon
Last Quarter

December 9th
 December 17th
 December 23rd
 December 31st

off the mark by Mark Parisi

**I found the Aardvark!**

Each week we will give away an Aardvark Gift and each month we give away a special Aardvark Gift Basket to one lucky person. All you have to do to enter is find the Aardvark! The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Winner, past location and prizes listed on our website at: www.wanderer.com Click on "I Found the Aardvark"

In the November 29 issue the Aardvark was hiding on Page 38

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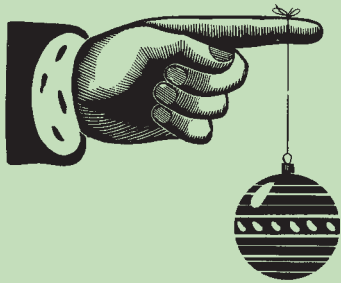


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